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**Further Education Section** 

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Department of Education & Skills

Dear Ms Carr,

I refer to your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 regarding the potential for recouping allowances overpaid to participants in Macroom Youthreach.

Four of the sixteen trainees are still on our books. They have only a short time left on the course, so there is only a limited amount that could be recouped from them.

The following points relate to the other twelve former trainees:

- 1. CCVEC does not have an enforceable contract with them which provides for recoupment of overpayments.
- 2. The prospects of recovering the monies are limited by virtue of the fact that these trainees are no longer being paid by CCVEC.
- 3. Endeavouring to recover the monies through the Civil Courts would be difficult and it would incur costs. I have been advised by CCVEC legal advisor that are very limited prospects of successfully recouping the monies through the Civil Courts processes.

I will endeavour to provide further information on this matter should you require it. I am available at a mutually convenient time to discuss how the Committee might otherwise refund the Department.

Yours sincerely.

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